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relieve the public schools of this mandate that they've been complaining about for so many years. And, ultimately, I think we've settled on a compromise approach. I could very easily have drafted a bill that would have required the public schools to balance in some ways the abortion message with a second message, a message that would have been consistent with Nebraska Statute Section 28-325, which states that it's the expression of the will of the people of Nebraska and the members of the Legislature to provide protection for the life of the unborn child whenever possible. I could have required in my bill that the public schools disseminate that message. But rather than go that route, I said, look, let's just take this mandate off the public schools and keep the law silent on that question. Therefore, the schools would have a free hand without any intrusion from us. And when these sensitive situations arise, school counselors, school nurses, and so forth, can say what they want to say and without any interference from us. Now I think it's absolutely extraordinary that the current law has been on our books as long as it has, just extraordinary. There is no other state that has anything even remotely resembling our law on this question. You know I've lived in...before I moved to Nebraska in 1997, I lived in Washington, D.C. for about 20 years, and the abortion ethic in Washington, D.C. within the local government there is just very firmly entrenched. And I also lived in New York State for about 22 years and, again, the abortion ethic is very firmly entrenched within the governmental apparatus in that state. Yet even in New York State and even in the local government of District of Columbia, they don't require public schools to put up abortion posters in the They don't require the distribution of abortion classrooms. information to their children. We're the only state that does this, the only state, and I can't imagine why we need to be so different from all the other states. What's different about Nebraska children that they need all this information directed to them? It's just a terrible intrusion, I think, of the parent-child relationship that this Legislature would stick its nose into this matter and require the public schools to distribute information, or post posters in the classrooms for 12-year-old children, give out 800 numbers, and so forth. I think this takes us just in the opposite direction. I don't know what's going to be said in those phone calls. I don't know